

Masonic Homes of the R. W. Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania

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RE: ELIZABETHTOWN LANDFILL SUPERFUND SITE - AQUIFER TESTING PROGRAM

Dear Ms. Gallagher:

This is in response to your January 5, 1993 [sic] (received January 10, 1994) letter regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") determination that an aquifer testing program or "pump test" is necessary as part of the field investigations being conducted under the Remedial Investigation ("RI"). This is to advise you that Masonic Homes has been in contact with SCA Services regarding access to Masonic Homes' property to conduct the required pump test.

Masonic Homes has also provided a draft access agreement to SCA Services that would authorize SCA Services access to the Masonic Homes' property to conduct a pump test. Masonic Homes concurs in EPA's objective to clean up contamination from the landfill site as quickly as possible. However, we are concerned about certain aspects of the pump test, including the storage of and discharge of the contaminated groundwater after the pump test. In order to ensure the safe handling and disposal of these contaminates, we believe the most environmentally safe method for storage and treatment of the groundwater is the pumping and treating of contaminated groundwater at the landfill site.

We seek your concurrence in this approach so that the pump test can be completed without risk of any further contamination of the Masonic Homes' property. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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